

# St Mary's School, Mosgiel Newsletter



**Mission Statement—St Mary's is a Catholic School dedicated to the provision of the highest quality primary education with a special emphasis of Catholic values and attitudes.**

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**Term 1 Week 2**

**8th February 2011**

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends of St Mary's School.

Recently a report came out highlighting the number of secondary school pupils nationally who took part in an organized sport. Otago led the way with 66% of secondary pupils playing some form of organized school sport, the national average was on about 50%. That is half of our secondary pupils do not play a form of organized sport.

As part of our funding annually we are given a small amount of money that we use to encourage our pupils to either join or continue to play a sport.

Our figures show that 86% of our pupils take part in some form of organized sport, and this includes a group of very young pupils who have very limited options of sports that they can play.

This is a very pleasing result but even here this is obviously room for improvement. The definition of organized sport as we apply it is: when you are part of a team that joins together to compete against another team, or as an individual you compete against other individuals. There is an expectation of preparation (practice) and self motivation. While sport by itself is not the be all and end all, the skills, attitudes and values that it teaches are those that we value in people. But even more than this, sport is a way for people to gather socially in a positive and healthy environment.

So please encourage your child to take up a sport, or continue with one that they play or even start a new one. Those of us who have children at various stages in their sport will confirm that the results are all positive.

Have a great week.  
Mike Brosnahan

## Room 1 Self Portrait Paintings



## Reminder

**Meet the Teacher Evening tomorrow night, see the next page for the schedule and details.**

# Our Vision : Confident, reflective, risk-taking, lifelong learners in a Catholic School.

## Healthy School

As part of our commitment to making St Mary's a healthy school we ask that pupils only bring water to school to drink. Our internal water fountain in the foyer has a filter attached for fresh drinking water.



## Looking Ahead Term 1

### February

9th Meet the Teachers Evening 6-7.30pm  
10th BOT Meeting 7.30pm staffroom  
11th Opening School Mass 9.15am  
Whanau Picnic lunch and Sports Day 12.30  
- Please remember that all parents and caregivers are most welcome to our picnic and the following games afternoon.

14th 8.30am Tim Davis Guitar Lesson  
17th Financial literacy workshop all classes  
21st Rooms 1-4 Swimsation Swimming Lessons

**Mini Gloves** T-ball parent meeting on Thursday  
**10th Feb** after school, meet in the school foyer.

## Meet the Teachers Evening

Our beginning of the year meet the teachers evening is being held tomorrow night. Please come along if it at all possible as this evening is a great opportunity to meet your child's teacher and hear about our plans, aspirations and expectations for the year.

Each teacher will produce a ten minute outline about what is happening in their room; as there are a number of parents who wish to visit more than one class we have run a structured timetable:

Room 1	6—6.10pm
Room 2	6.15—6.25pm
Room 3	6.30—6.40pm
Room 4	6.45—6.55pm
Room 5	7-7.10pm
Room 6	7.15-7.25pm
Room 7	7.30-7.40pm

## Lunch

Attached is the Monte Carlo new price list. Monte Carlo is on Friday only and starts on 18th February.

Smart Lunches are available on the other days. Wednesday hot smart lunch option (Mac Cheese, Spaghetti Bolognese, Shepherds Pie) these are \$4.

## Touch Rugby

Touch starts next Monday 14th February. Children who are interested will bring home a consent form, please return by **Thursday** so teams can be sorted.  
Yr 3/4 play at 3.30pm, Yr 5/6 play at 4pm and Y7/8 play at 4.30pm.  
Cost is \$15, this covers the registration and a small amount for equipment and uniform replacement.

## Tim Davis Guitar Lessons

4Front School of Guitar is once again offering guitar lessons on Wednesdays.

**Come and have a go for free!**

On **Monday 14 February -Note Change of Day!** between 8.30-8.55 am in the St Mary's Library,

Tim Davis will be available to answer any questions and to let students get a feel for the guitar.

For more information please visit our website at [www.schoolofguitar.co.nz](http://www.schoolofguitar.co.nz) or call / text Tim on 027 4895957.

## Special Character Religious Education

All classes have completed the first section of the Prayer Module – Te Karakia: An Introduction to Prayer. For background reading please refer to your Family/Whanau book pages 13 and 42. Also the Myself and Others Module – Ko Au, Ko Ratou will be integrated with our school wide theme, Getting To Know Each Other Family/Whanau book pages 43 -45. From Week three all classes will be studying the God Strand.

**Year 1** are learning that God is the creator of all that is. Family-Whanau Book pg 17.

**Year 2** are learning about Our Gracious God's many gifts of love, especially the greatest gift of all – Jesus. Family-Whanau book pg 20.

**Year 3** are learning about how God is present in the world through creation and active in people through grace. Family/Whanau book pg 23.

**Year 4** are learning about the Holy Trinity, God's great gifts of creation and the Ten Commandments. Family/Whanau book pg 26.

**Years 5** will be studying the stories of God's call to Abraham, Sarah and Mary. They will learn how Christians are called to believe in God and help build up the reign of God on earth. Family/Whanau Book pg 29

**Year 6** focus on the names and images for God found in the Old and New Testaments and how Christians come to know God through Jesus. Whanau bk pg 32

**Years 7** are learning that through the gift of grace people are able to grow in virtue and turn from sin and in this way become more like Jesus. Family/Whanau bk pg 35

**Year 8** have the Mystery of God as their focus, Christian Tradition reveals God as Trinity of three persons - Father, Son and Holy Spirit who as one God creates, redeems and sanctifies. Family/Whanau Bk Pg 38a.

## A thought for the week

'I have learned to live each day as it comes and not to borrow trouble by dreading tomorrow'.

-Dorothy Dix